

New Jersey Society for Clinical Social Work  
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"Narcissism and its Vicissitudes"

Presented by Jeffrey Longhofer, Ph.D., LCSW

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*Free to Members, \$60.00 for Non-Members*

**Date:** Sunday, October 18, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**The workshop will take place via ZOOM: online workshop**

Type into your Google browser, narcissism, and you will find 84,000,000 hits. Yes, that's million. You can take a narcissism test. Or you can get a brain scan to see if your right anterior insular cortex is abnormal. You can watch a reality television show featuring malignant narcissists. And at this moment in history we're using the concept to explain our politics. Why such an interest in *Narcissism*? In this workshop we will look at the many ways narcissism appears in the conceptual vocabularies of psychoanalysis, psychology, sociology, history, anthropology, and popular culture, and in the hands of the social critics. The concept has a long and complicated life. We will begin with Freud's famous essay, *On Narcissism*, then consider how the concept has been used to explain our best and worst features, our capacities for creativity and idealism, rage and cruelty, strivings for perfection and delight in destructiveness. Finally, we will consider more recent work on traumatic narcissism and hear a brief case study.

Learning Objectives:

1. To understand how narcissism has been used to conceptualize human development. (e.g., Freud, Kohut).
2. To understand how social scientists (e.g., sociologists, historians, and anthropologists) have used the concept to explain cultural dynamics.
3. To consider a case of "traumatic narcissism" and think about how to use this idea in clinical practice.
4. To consider the ways popular culture and social critics have simplified and exploited the concept and generated enormous confusion.
5. To consider the relevance of the concept to our contemporary political moment.

This workshop will be presented by Jeffrey Longhofer, Ph.D., LCSW, an Associate Professor at Rutgers University School of Social Work. He holds graduate degrees in anthropology and social work and is on the faculties of the Center of Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute for

Training in Psychoanalysis. He has written five books and is now producing a podcast, On Caring | The Project.

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